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Russian Federation Livestock and Products Customs Announces New Cattle Classifications 2008

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Report Highlights:

The Russian Federal Custom Service issued a letter on August 26, 2008, which provides explanations to cattle classification accepted in accordance with the Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economical Activity (TN VED). Commodity classification under Heading 0102 refers to all livestock of bovine sub-family. Purebred breeding in-calf heifers are classified in sub-heading 0102 10 100 0; purebred breeding cows - in subheading 0102 10 300 0; purebred calves, heifers, young bulls, and bulls are classified in subheading 0102 10 900 0; and not purebred cattle is classified in sub-heading 0102 90.

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Unofficial Embassy translation of the letter:

BEGIN TEXT:

Explanation of Classification of Various Commodities

September 10, 2008

Letter from the Federal Customs Service of August 26, 2008 no. 25-35/34909

The following is an explanation of cattle classification accepted in accordance with Trade Nomenclature of Foreign Economics Activity to be used in foreign trade.

Listing cattle under commodity heading 0102 TN VED refers to all livestock of bovine subfamily.

Depending on gender and age of the domesticated cattle, the classification refers to calves, heifers, in-calf heifers, bull calves, cows, bulls and prepared bulls.

Calf – cattle of either gender age from 14 days to three months, receiving additional feeding.

Heifer – young not pregnant cattle female.

In-calf heifer – young pregnant heifer before the first calving;

Heifers, in-calf heifers, and young bulls - are referred to as young stock;

Cows - calved cattle female.

Bull – grown not castrated cattle male.

Prepared bulls – grown castrated cattle male.

Cows, bulls and prepared bulls - have more than 2 pairs of incisive teeth.

¹ All imported commodities are classified in accordance with the Codes of the Customs Commodities' Nomenclature of the Foreign Economic Activity of the Russian Federation and their descriptions can be found at http://tks.ru/db/tnved. These codes are close, but not identical, to the Harmonized System.

Purebred breeding in-calf heifers are classified in sub-heading <u>0102 10 100 0 TN VED</u> in Trade Nomenclature of Foreign Economics Activity, purebred breeding cows are classified in sub-heading <u>0102 10 300 0 TN VED</u>. Purebred breeding calves, heifers, young bulls and prepared bulls are classified under subheading <u>0102 10 900 0 TN VED</u>

All above-mentioned cattle, which is not referred to as purebred breeding cattle, is classified in subheading <u>0102 90</u> by TN VED depending on the conditions. END TEXT.

Other Relevant Reports

RS8067 Livestock Annual Report

http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200809/146295694.pdf

RS8037 Dairy Semi-Annual Report

http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200805/146294675.pdf

RS8014 Livestock Semi-Annual

http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200803/146293870.pdf

RS7067 Livestock and Products Annual

http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200710/146292718.doc